

MAIL STOP
AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: J.W. Kear Attorney Docket No.: BSME122184
Application No.: 10/757,763 Art Unit: 3739 / Confirmation No.: 4239
Filed: January 14, 2004 Examiner: M.F. Peffley
Title: DUAL SHORT THROW ADVANCER/RETRACTOR

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

March 23, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- _____ 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.
X 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	23	-	20	=	3	x	50	=	150
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	x	200	=	0
TOTAL									\$150

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 27, 2005, set to expire on January 27, 2006, be extended by 2 months, to expire on March 27, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 2-month extension fee of \$450.

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02 FC:1252 450.00 OP

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C. Fees Enclosed

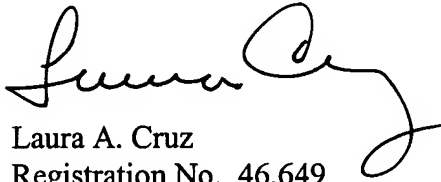
Enclosed is our Check No. 169696 in the amount of \$600 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

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